

## DEPARTMENTS - RABBITS

Chairperson - Brooke Sigler  
Youth Chairperson - Parker Fletcher

### Specific Information for Rabbit Exhibitors

1. The show is open to anyone who is a resident of Frederick County or the city of Winchester.
2. Any child ages 5 - 19 that is actively in 4-H and FFA shall show in youth and comply with all requirements of their club. Anyone who is not in 4-H/FFA may enter in the Open category - regardless of age.
3. All rabbits **MUST** be pre registered. Pre Registration dates are May 16th and May 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Frederick Co. Fairgrounds. If you do not pre register (regardless of Youth or Open), you will not be allowed to enter your rabbit at a later date.
4. All rabbits must be brought to the fairgrounds on **Monday, July 29th, 2024** between 8am to 12pm. They must be pre registered.
5. Rabbits will be entered in appropriate categories/breed. Upon pre registration, if a rabbit is found to be in an incorrect category/division, the chairpersons will move said rabbit(s) to the appropriate division. If you have any doubt, please contact Brooke Sigler for further instruction and aid in placing animals in the correct division/breed category.
6. Rabbits will be judged fair **Wednesday, July 31st at 10:00 a.m in the show barn.** . Exhibitors may not enter more than two entries per breed. **Youth must be present to show their rabbits if in the Market Category as showmanship will immediately follow. If you are showing but not in the market category and cannot make the show, your rabbit will be placed up for judging by a team of volunteers designated by the Rabbit Chairperson.**
7. All decisions of the rabbit judge are final.
8. Rabbit Showmanship will be on **Wednesday, July 31st in the show barn following judging. All youth with rabbits in the Market Category must do showmanship.**
9. You must provide food and water for your rabbits as well as water bottles and food dishes. Bedding will be provided. If you can not provide these items, please contact the rabbit chairpersons ahead of time. **\*\* Feed and water bowls will NOT be provided! \*\***
10. You must clean your rabbit cage as well as feed/water daily. **Failure to do so will result in your rabbit being removed from the fairgrounds. If your rabbit is in the Market Category and basic needs are not met, you will also forfeit your ability to sell them at the auction.**

11. Rabbits will be judged according to American Rabbit Breeders Association (**ARBA**) standards.
12. You must have submitted the number of rabbits as well as breed to the 4-H office by the appropriate date.
13. Youth 4-H/FFA members must attend one fair work detail. Please refer to the website for details. If you do not attend a work detail, you will be ineligible to show.
14. Chairpersons have the right to make any decisions/changes necessary.
- 15. All rabbits remain in place until 10 p.m. on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024 unless sold at auction.**
16. All rabbits entered in the **Market Category** are up for sale at auction. If they are not sold, rabbits must remain in the barn until **Saturday, August 3rd, 2024 until 10:00 p.m.** and then return home with you.
17. Should you decide to sell a rabbit privately at the fair, you may not advertise until Saturday, August 3rd and rabbits may not be picked up until 10p.m. that Saturday.
18. Animals entered in Breeding/Pet Category are not up for sale under any circumstances, even if they win Grand Champion of the Barn unless you privately sell them on Saturday, August 3rd.
19. If you have any rabbits in the Market division, you must have obtained the market rabbit by **one of the pre registered dates.**
20. All youth members (4-H/FFA) must have completed a workbook/AET that has been checked by the appropriate clubs.
21. No rabbits under 8 weeks may be registered. Must be 8 weeks by the pre registration dates.
22. No sick animals shall be allowed on fair premises. If there is any question as to the health of an animal while at the fair, they will be asked to be removed from the premises immediately.
23. Rabbits will be examined at pre registration to check for any signs of illness. If any diseases are present, they will not be allowed to be registered.
24. All animals entered in the fair shall be permanently marked with a tattoo in their left ear. Please contact the rabbit chairperson if there is an issue getting your rabbit tattooed. There will be someone to tattoo at the fairgrounds during pre registration.
25. All 4-H and FFA members showing their rabbits must complete the YQCA quality assurance program with proper documentation/certificate provided to the fair.
26. You must send out 2 buyer letters if you are in 4H and FFA and are selling your Market Breed rabbit.
27. All youth in 4H and FFA showing in the Market Breed category must participate in formal showmanship.
28. Rabbit and Poultry barn clean up will be on Sunday, August 4th. Time TBD. This is a requirement if you wish to show your animal again next year.

## **Rabbit Divisions**

4-H/FFA Categories: Breeding, Pet, and Market

Open Categories: Breeding and Pet

- Breeding (4-H/FFA and Open): Any rabbit that is purchased and meets American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) standards. Rabbits in this category will be judged according to ARBA Standard of Perfection
- Pet Class (4-H/FFA and Open): Any rabbit that is mixed breed or has faults that would disqualify it from showing in breeding (i.e., mismarked, under/overweight regulations, etc.)
- Market (4-H/FFA **ONLY**): Any rabbit listed under the Market Breed section. These rabbits will be judged according to ARBA Standards of Perfection and may not be a mixed breed animal. **All Market Rabbits will be for sale at auction.**

## **Breeding Rabbit Category**

A purebred rabbit free from American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) faults and DQs. All colors and ages of each breed of rabbit will be shown together.

### **List of approved breeds:**

American Fuzzy Lop	French Lop
Angora (any type)	Himalayan
Belgian Hare	Holland Lop
Californian	Jersey Wooly
Champagne D'Argent	Lionhead
Checkered Giant	Mini Lop
Chinchilla (any type)	Mini Rex
Creme D'Argent	Mini Satin
Dutch	Netherland Dwarf

Dwarf Hotot  
English Lop  
English Spot  
Flemish Giant  
Florida White

New Zealand  
Polish  
Rare/Non-Listed Recognized  
Rex  
Silver Fox

### **Pet Rabbit Category**

- Any entry that is a mixed breed rabbit or a purebred rabbit with faults or disqualifications such as inappropriate color, pattern, etc. that would prevent them from being entered in the Breeding category

### **Market Rabbit Category**

- This category is for Youth 4-H and FFA members **ONLY**.
- All rabbits entered in this category are subject to sale at the auction.
- Any rabbit entered in this category must be purebred and from an approved market breed list.
- The following are rabbit breeds that are acceptable for market:
  - Californian
  - Champagne D'Argent
  - Chinchilla (American, Giant or Standard)
  - Creme D'Argent
  - New Zealand
  - Rex
  - Silver Fox

Any questions regarding rabbit registration or information, please contact our rabbit co-chair, Brooke Sigler at [woodsmillrabbitry@gmail.com](mailto:woodsmillrabbitry@gmail.com) or 540-323-1261

### **Rabbits - Breeding & Market**

American Fuzzy Lop

1345 Youth Breeding Angora (any type)	1346 Youth Market	1347 Open Breeding
1348 Youth Breeding Belgian Hare	1349 Youth Market	1350 Open Breeding
1351 Youth Breeding Californian	1352 Youth Market	1353 Open Breeding
1354 Youth Breeding Champagne D'Argent	1355 Youth Market	1356 Open Breeding
1357 Youth Breeding Checkered Giant	1358 Youth Market	1359 Open Breeding
1360 Youth Breeding Chinchilla (any type)	1361 Youth Market	1362 Open Breeding
1363 Youth Breeding Creme D'Argent	1364 Youth Market	1365 Open Breeding
1366 Youth Breeding Dutch	1367 Youth Market	1368 Open Breeding
1369 Youth Breeding Dwarf Hotot	1370 Youth Market	1371 Open Breeding
1372 Youth Breeding English Lop	1373 Youth Market	1374 Open Breeding
1375 Youth Breeding English Spot	1376 Youth Market	1377 Open Breeding
1378 Youth Breeding Flemish Giant	1379 Youth Market	1380 Open Breeding
1381 Youth Breeding Florida White	1382 Youth Market	1383 Open Breeding
1384 Youth Breeding French Lop	1385 Youth Market	1386 Open Breeding
1387 Youth Breeding Himalayan	1388 Youth Market	1389 Open Breeding
1390 Youth Breeding Holland Lop	1391 Youth Market	1392 Open Breeding
1393 Youth Breeding Jersey Wooly	1394 Youth Market	1395 Open Breeding
1396 Youth Breeding Lionhead	1397 Youth Market	1398 Open Breeding
1399 Youth Breeding	1400 Youth Market	1401 Open Breeding

Mini Lop

1402 Youth Breeding Mini Rex	1403 Youth Market	1404 Open Breeding
1405 Youth Breeding Mini Satin	1406 Youth Market	1407 Open Breeding
1408 Youth Breeding Netherland Dwarf	1409 Youth Market	1410 Open Breeding
1411 Youth Breeding New Zealand	1412 Youth Market	1413 Open Breeding
1414 Youth Breeding Polish	1415 Youth Market	1416 Open Breeding
1417 Youth Breeding Rare/Non-Listed Recognized	1418 Youth Market	1419 Open Breeding
1420 Youth Breeding Rex	1421 Youth Market	1422 Open Breeding
1423 Youth Breeding Silver Fox	1424 Youth Market	1425 Open Breeding
1426 Youth Breeding	1427 Youth Market	1428 Open Breeding

### **Pet Category**

1430 Youth	1431 Open
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### **Showmanship**

- 1341 Senior Rabbit Showmanship
- 1342 Junior Rabbit Showmanship
- 1343 Senior Novice Rabbit Showmanship
- 1344 Junior Novice Rabbit Showmanship